



# The Vision and Recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland

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### Members' Introduction



The world has changed. Scotland now faces lots of new problems. We must think of other ways to plan and make decisions.



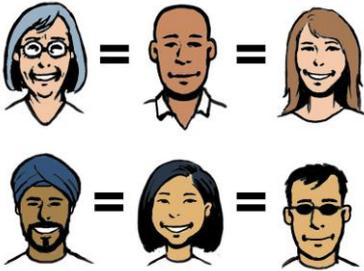
A Citizen's Assembly is a group of people who represent adults from all of Scotland. We talk and make recommendations.

A recommendation is something we think should happen.

Scotland put together a Citizens' Assembly to help come up with new ideas and think about:



- What kind of country do we want?
- How can we deal with the difficult situations?
- How can we get the information we need to make the right choices about the future of the country?



Scotland is a modern country. The Citizens' Assembly has tried to represent all people, their views and interests.



The Citizens' Assembly are ordinary people that came together and found a way to work together. Everyone had the chance to express their views and life experiences, explore new ideas and change their minds.



The members of the Citizens' Assembly were in charge of the process. We had a say in how evidence was collected and how we would go forward.

We want people to know that politics does not have to be about politicians. It is about the citizens of Scotland. Citizens are people who live in a country.



The Citizens' Assembly wanted to hear how Scotland was run. We want to know about



difficult choices faced so that we can plan for a better future.



The recommendations made in this report are for after the Scottish Parliament election in May 2021. The Citizens' Assembly know that change may not happen straight away. It might take years to get where we want.



Everyone should think about what we can do for others, not just what others can do for us. This is not just about the government. It is about everyone working together as a country.



The Citizens' Assembly want the Scottish Government to think about this report when they make plans and decisions for the future.

The work we have done on this report is for a fair Scotland filled with pride and hope. We hope others can look at us and follow what we have done.



## The Citizens' Assembly

### Our vision



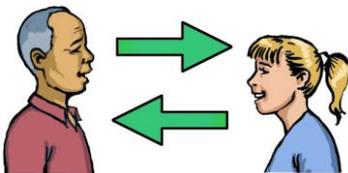
We think Scotland should be a country where:



The government is honest, kind and fair. It should be open to new ideas and include people when making decisions.



Public services give information that is correct and accessible to all.



The people and government communicate with each other honestly and with respect.



We are leaders in new ideas. We invest in people to create jobs and growth.



People have good health and social care services. These are built around people and communities to bring good health and wellbeing.



There is a better standard of living and opportunities for everyone. We need to invest in training and support. We need to make sure that peoples' wages are enough for them to live on.



People are helped out of poverty with employment, education and housing.



Taxes are made simple and fair. We should bring in new ways to make companies pay tax. We should give companies good reasons to protect the environment.

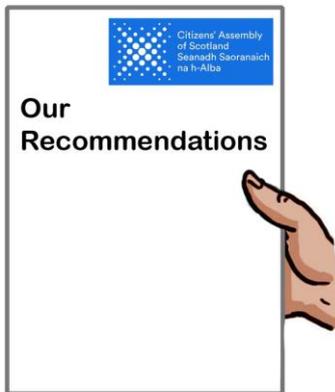


We give support, education, opportunities and security to all young people. This will help them reach their potential in their body and mind. It should not matter where they come from. This will help their future and the future of our country.



We encourage and support everyone to be all they can be through support and training. There will be fair and equal opportunities to learn life and career skills.

## Our recommendations



We made 60 recommendations which were agreed by most members. These say what actions are needed to make our vision happen.

All recommendations can be found in the full Report by the Citizens' Assembly but here are some of the key points.

We recommend that:



Citizens should be more involved in democracy. Democracy means every citizen gets to have a say on how the country is run.



The living wage should be law. The living wage is a wage that is high enough to live on. We should work together to end poverty. Hours and pay should be set and secure.



The tax system should be used to meet our vision of a country that looks forward and can support itself. The public should be told how taxes are being spent in a way they can understand.



Different ways should be found to support young people. This may mean more mental health support, affordable rents, better training and education.



We should protect our country's future by educating people about the environment. We should make the most of our renewable energy and change our behaviour for a greener future.



There should be a pay rise for NHS staff. We should make sure we value and improve our healthcare system.



Scotland should have more control over taxes. Scotland should be able to manage its own immigration laws. Immigration is when people come from other countries to live here.



Internet access should be a basic need. It should be free to all.



We, the members of the Citizens' Assembly hope you will hear us. We hope you will act on what we have agreed through our hard work and open minds.